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Headquarters of Ramanathapuram district (shifting from Madurai)

* 2004 *Q.*—Sri M. SELVARAJ (on behalf of Sri K. RAMACHANDRAN) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to shift the headquarters of Ramanathapuram district from Madurai to any place within Ramanathapuram district itself?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : No, Sir.

Water-tax (Nagercoil Municipality)

* 2005 *Q.*—Sri T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Nagercoil Municipality has recently enhanced or given notice of enhancement of water-supply rates to private consumers within the municipal area; and

(*b*) if so, the details of rates and the reasons for enhancement?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) At Rs. 2 per unit of 1,000 gallons, the minimum being Rs. 2. In the case of non-domestic supply the rate is Rs. 4 per 1,000 gallons or part thereof. This upward revision has been found necessary to wipe off the deficit and to make provision for the payment of annuity on account of water-supply.

Drainage and water-supply (Madras City)

* 2006 *Q.*—Sri S. RANGANATHA MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government give an annual grant to the Corporation for the drainage and water-supply works; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken to see that the amounts are being utilised properly in laying the sewer and the water-mains?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Grants are given every year.

(*b*) The Sanitary Enigneer is the Inspecting Officer of the Corporation Water-Supply and Drainage Works, for which grants-in-aid are given by the Government. He makes a thorough inspection of these works and of all processes connected with their planning and execution in order to discover whether they have been carried out efficiently and economically.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. Minister state how much grant was given to the Corporation for drainage works for extending the drainage facilities to the extended areas like, Saidapet and Kodambakkam?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, Sir. The question of extending drainage facilities to the extended areas also is under contemplation.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : Before what date these works would get completed in these extended areas?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : As soon as all necessary preliminaries are completed, the work will be taken up.